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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2003, please amend the claims of the above-identified application as follows:

Cancel Claims 11 and 14.

Add Claims 26 and 27 as follows:

26. (New) The method of Claim 1 wherein said bonding points define gaps therebetween of unbonded nonwoven in the first direction of a length greater than the length of the gaps therebetween of unbonded nonwoven defined by the bonding points in the second direction.

27. (New) The method of Claim 1 wherein said bonding points have a center-to-center separation greater in the first direction than in the second direction.

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